

Please add new claims 18 and 19 as follows:

18. The insulating label stock of claim 1, wherein the label stock has a thickness in the range of 0.010 inch (0.025 cm) and 0.040 inch (0.102 cm).

19. The insulating label stock of claim 11, wherein the label stock has a thickness in the range of 0.010 inch (0.025 cm) and 0.040 inch (0.102 cm).

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, a written restriction requirement was set forth. As noted in the Office Action, Applicants' undersigned Attorney made a provisional election with traverse on May 2, 2002 to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1 - 11. Affirmation of this election is hereby made.

Also, in the Office Action, claim 10 (sic.) was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner alleges that the term "so that" in claim 10 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. Actually, the term "so that" appears in claim 11 and not in claim 10. In the interest of expediting the prosecution of this application, Applicants have taken out the phrase "so that when the face material is heated, the second layer softens and adheres to the thermal insulating layer when pressure is applied". Applicants respectfully submit that this should address the Examiner's concerns about the term "so that".

In the Office Action, claims 1 - 3, 5, 6 and 9 - 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Frankosky et al. (US Patent No. 5,527,600) in view of Hobson (US Patent No. 4,871,597). The Examiner states that Frankosky et al. discloses a thermal insulating layer having a thermal resistance in the range of 0.05 to 0.5 CLO (col. 5, lines 41 - 43), which is laminated to a face material (col. 2 lines 41 -